

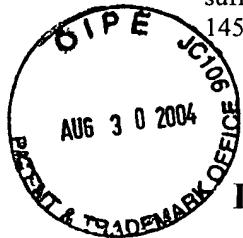
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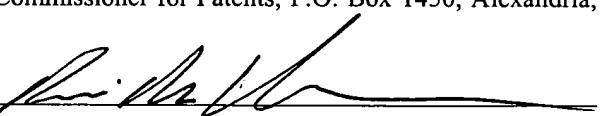
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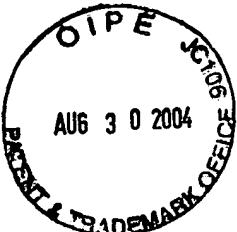
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- Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.98, a copy of each document cited in the attached Form PTO/SB/08 is enclosed.
- No copies of the publications listed on the attached Form PTO/SB/08A are being provided pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.98(d) because the publications were previously cited by or submitted to the Office in prior Application Serial No. _____ to which the above-identified application claims priority under 35 U.S.C. §120.
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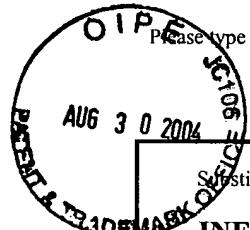
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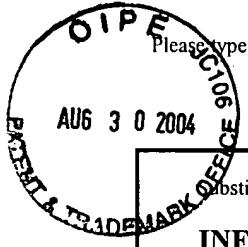
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